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Chiang Releases Cash-Flow Figures Through March

Personal Income Tax Revenue Still Lags Behind Projections

SACRAMENTO – State Controller John Chiang today released the analysis of his monthly report detailing California’s cash balance, receipts and disbursements during the first nine months of the fiscal year. According to the Controller’s monthly *Statement of General Fund Cash Receipts and Disbursements*, General Fund revenue from July 2006 through March 2007 grew 2.5 percent over the same period last fiscal year, a nearly \$1.6 billion increase.

“Although revenues are up over last year, the early surge in income taxes anticipated by the Governor’s January budget has not materialized,” Chiang said. “With income tax revenue \$1.57 billion below estimates, April tax receipts will be a critical indicator of California’s fiscal health.”

Actual General Fund revenue receipts through March were \$986 million below the January budget estimate, a 1.5 percent variance.

Retail sales tax receipts through March of this fiscal year were \$20.2 billion, 1.8 percent ahead of January estimates. Personal income taxes totaled \$32.4 billion, 4.6 percent below current estimates. Corporate taxes yielded \$7.1 billion, 6.3 percent above estimates

July through March receipts showed gains compared to the same nine months of last fiscal year. Retail sales taxes were 0.1 percent higher, personal income taxes were 4.8 percent higher, and corporate taxes were 6 percent higher.

As the state’s Chief Financial Officer, the State Controller is required to issue monthly financial statements, which primarily are used by bond rating and state fiscal control agencies and legislative budget writers. As a supplement to the monthly statement, Controller Chiang issues a summary analysis of the financial report to provide taxpayers with the most current information on the state’s fiscal condition. The summary analysis covers the State’s cash transactions, prior year comparisons, and both the most recent Budget Act and Governor’s Budget estimates.

The [report](#) and the [summary analysis](#) can be found on the Controller’s website at www.sco.ca.gov.

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